of relevant Central Ministries and agencies, State Govts., national level industrial promotion institutions, financial organisations and eminent experts.

(c) and (d) The Council will not duplicate but complement the efforts of existing organisations like NBO, CSIR, etc., whose activities stop at the stage of research and demonstration. It would draw upon their resources and expertise and assist in the extension of proven technologies and materials, and their industrial promotion. The Action Plan of the Council would cover critical areas like the utilisation of agro-industrial wastes like flyash, etc., promotion of building materials industries for increasing the supply of both conventional and new materials, technology dissemination and training, standardisation and certification of materials and components and promoting economy in construction by public agencies.

(e) and (g) The interests of technical officers in NBO will be taken care of. The organisational structure of the new Council will be so devised as to provide over a period avenues, with better prospects for induction of relevant technical staff of NBO. The filling up of the post of Director, NBO will depend on the identification of the new thrust areas of NBO during the 8th Plan.

WAITING LIST FOR GOVERNMENT ACCOMMODATION

*433. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a big backlog of Government accommodation in the capital for the Central Government employees who had applied for the same;

(b) if so, the number of applicants in the waiting list and upto what date of application, the accommodation has been provided in different categories;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of Government employees who own accommodation in the capital have been allotted Government accommodation; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to cancel the Government accommodation allotted to the employees having their own accommodation in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No such decision has been taken.

STATEMENT

(b) The number of applications (on the basis of criteria in Col. 3 below) pending as on 31-8-90 type-wise and the date of priority upto which applications were invited is as under :—

Type	No. of applications pending	Minimum basic pay (on 1-10-89) and/or date of joining service upto which Applications were invited.
1	2	3
I	3257	31-12-78*
II	10241	31-12-72*
III	8548	31-12-70*
IV	1904	31-12-70*
IV Special	216	Rs.4250/-

1	2	3
V(A)	551	Rs. 5100/- General Pool Rs.3600/- Tenure Pool
V(B)	191	Rs.6300/- General Pool Rs.5500/- Tenure Pool
VI A, VI B, VII, VIII	290	Rs.6300/- Rs. 6700/- Rs. 7300/- Rs.8000/-
Hostels	1761	1-10-89

*For SC/ST & for Ladies Pool relevant date of applications is 1-10-89.

The dates upto which accommodation has been provided in different categories are indicated in Annexure-I.

[*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 130]

Problem Villages in Bihar

*434. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages in Bihar without drinking water facilities as on date; and

(b) whether any comprehensive scheme has been drawn up/is being implemented to provide drinking water to such villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA) : (a) There were 34 no source category problem villages in Bihar without drinking water facilities as on 30th June, 1990.

(b) All the residual 34 problem villages are likely to be covered with safe drinking water facilities by 31-3-91 under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme.

(a) Previously Starred Question 315, transferred from the 30th August, 1990.

Proposal to set up a Sericuture College in Assam

@ *435. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal for the setting up of a sericulture college in Assam is pending with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Sir, it is for the State Government of Assam to take the final decision regarding setting up of the College.

Concern by National Federation of the Blind for Reservation of Backward Classes

*436. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Federation of the Blind expressed concern at the recent announcement made by the Prime Minister about 27 per cent reservation for backward classes in jobs;

(b) if so, whether Government would scrap the existing reservation of 3 per cent